

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON 8TH DECEMBER 2008

PRESENT:

Councillors Gilbert (Chairman), Parkes, Wilshere, Thackeray, Barton & Mitchell

5 members of the public were present.

105/08 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Hesketh who was attending a meeting of SRBC.

It was resolved that the reason for his absence should be approved.

In the event Cllr Hesketh was able to join the meeting at 8.30pm following closure of the SRBC meeting which he had attended.

106/08 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 27th October 2008 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

107/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

108/08 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

A resident mentioned the issues concerning Orchard Farm and the level of unauthorised activity that had been taking place for some considerable time and which was still ongoing. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council was aware of this as were SRBC as the planning authority. A planning application is expected to be submitted at which stage the Parish Council and local residents will be able to give their views on the activities and traffic which is generated as a result.

Another resident mentioned that an approach had been made to the SRBC local ward councillor on this and other business activities which were also generating what was perceived to be excessive traffic. It had been confirmed that the planning application referred to above was imminent, that there were only traffic movement restrictions on waste materials leaving the TEG site and that the Coopers planning permission had no vehicle movement restrictions at all.

It was mentioned that Auto Range were once again breaching regulations with regard to vehicles on the highway. It was reiterated that residents could report such breaches in line with the recently published guidelines issued by the Parish Council and that this should be done at the time of the occurrence.

The issue of a speed restriction on the A59 was again raised. No further information had been received following the reported survey of road speeds or indeed any further information resulting from a promise to look at the situation which was given at a recent Lancashire Local meeting. The working party on 'traffic' is following up the latter to establish what progress has been made.

The meeting was then re-convened.

109/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was considered.

2008/0835 – Two storey ext to side and rear with single storey element to rear with balcony above @ 3 Keen Close Hutton PR4 4BP

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

110/08 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

000896	Panasonic UK Ltd	Quarterly lease payment to end September 2008	151.62
000897	LALC	Cllr Mitchell attendance at Conference	72.00
000898	Royal British Legion	Wreath (S137)	25.00
000899	P Heise	Bulbs and Plants – Barrel Planters	77.12
000900	W V McEnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses November 2008 (inc back dated salary increase as per contract of employment)	543.07
000901	A McEnerney-Whittle	Production of Hutton News December 2008	70.00
000902	Lancashire CTP	Planning Course - Chairman	20.00
000903	Printing World Ltd	Printing Hutton News December 2008	245.00
000904	Viking Direct	Stationery	145.53

It was resolved that the above accounts should be approved for payment.

111/08 CLERKS SLCC SUBSCRIPTION & ATTENDANCE AT PRACTITIONERS CONFERENCE 2009

It was resolved that payment of the Clerks SLCC subscription for 2009 (£166.00) and attendance at the Practitioners Conference in February 2009 (last year £190) which is expected to be shared between the 3 Parish Councils for whom he works should be approved.

112/08 VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE

It was resolved that the Village Plan updated Action Plan previously circulated following a recent meeting between several Councillors and members of the public from the original steering group should be approved and adopted subject to an alteration on the page relating to ‘Housing’ which should now read ‘2 vacancies at present indicate that there is no further eligible local demand for the shared ownership type of facility’

113/08 QUALITY STATUS

A letter of congratulations from SRBC in respect of the achievement of Quality Status by Hutton Parish Council was received and noted

114/08 VILLAGE PLAN WORKING GROUPS

It was resolved that changes should be made to the working group formations as follows and that these groups should wherever possible continue to involve local residents.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING - CLLRS BARTON AND MITCHELL

TRAFFIC – CLLRS WILSHERE AND PARKES

LIVING IN HUTTON – CLLRS THACKERY AND HESKETH

115/08 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2009/10

It was resolved that the Budget Forecast which had been previously circulated should be approved and that the Precept for 2009/10 should be set at £19900.00

It was resolved that a corporate response should be made to the above consultation documents as follows:

- **That this Council has a favorable opinion of the strategy as a whole**
- **That this Council endorses the policy for minor or minimal development to villages**
- **That this Council forward its specific comments as detailed below**

Chapter 6 - Locating Growth and Investment Preferred Option – PCS1 - Page 44 – Hutton Parish Council support paragraph (g) regarding the nature and size of development within smaller villages.

Chapter 15 – Travel – Hutton Parish Council support Preferred Option – PCS 9 (h) – Page 140 regarding improvements to the road network which is a clear statement of ‘the best approach to planning for travel’

Paragraph 15.23 – Page 138 - Hutton Parish Council however feel that this section introduces some dilution of decisiveness and lack of urgency into these statements in respect of the Penwortham bypass and improving the A582 and linking to the A59. A better wording would be “...In the Western Parishes essential schemes are completion of the Penwortham bypass to relieve current serious congestion, improvements to the A582 and provision of a better link between the A59 and the M65, M6 and M61 motorways.

117/08 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Members had been asked to consider the judges’ report previously circulated from the Best Kept Village Competition 2008 and decide what action if any should be taken.

It was resolved that the following actions should be taken:

- **That a communication should be sent to SRBC asking for action to be taken in responding to playground repairs which had attracted adverse comment in the report**
- **That the Clerk should try to establish ownership of the notice board in front of the local shops which had also attracted adverse comment and establish whether it was needed or whether improvements could be made to it**
- **That the Clerk request the lengthsman to undertake with the owners approval weeding of the frontage areas to the local shops**
- **That an early decision should be made with regard to entry in the 2009 competition so that an article could then be published in Hutton News explaining the competition and encouraging support from all residents**

118/08 CHRISTMAS TREE MAINTENANCE

It was resolved that a formal communication should be sent to SRBC seeking assurance that Christmas Tree maintenance would be provided throughout the Christmas period apart from the statutory Bank holidays.

119/08 FOOTBALL ON THE RECREATION GROUND

Members had been asked to consider sending a formal communication to SRBC asking them to properly police the use of the recreation ground since the ground should only be available to ‘football teams’ on a Sunday morning and not on Sunday afternoons

Additional information had been provided by SRBC stating that there is no agreement that the ground is only available on Sunday afternoons for local residents. Organised football teams were able to use the ground subject to SRBC agreement normally up to 2.00pm on a Sunday. Permission could be given beyond this time at the discretion of SRBC upon specific request. The recreation ground is a Public Open Space.

It was resolved that if any member felt that the above arrangements were being contravened then the name of the offending team should be obtained and passed to the Clerk who would enquire from SRBC as to whether approval had been given.

120/08 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 26th January 2009

Chairman